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for: METHOD FOR OVERLOAD CONTROL	)
FOR A SWITCHING CENTER	)
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated January 15, 2004, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks: